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For: USE OF COPOLYMERS OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND LONG-CHAIN  
COMPOUNDS WITH ISOLATED C-C MULTIPLE BONDS AS  
THICKENERS OR DISPERSANTS

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143

Sir:

This is a request for reconsideration of the restriction requirement as originally made in the Office action mailed March 21, 2007, as clarified in the Office action mailed July 27, 2007, and as further clarified in the Office action mailed November 02, 2007. As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.143, applicants have made a provisional election.

This provisional election is submitted with traverse. Applicants request that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement. Please reconsider the requirement for restriction in light of the remarks presented in this paper.

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### Provisional Election

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.143, applicants provisionally elect with traverse the composition comprising, as the thickener or dispersant, a copolymer obtained by the free-radical polymerization of the following monomer species:

- A) Acrylic acid,
- B)  $C_{14} - C_{24}$  monocarboxylic acids with 1 – 4 C—C multiple bonds [most frequently oleic acid],
- C) N-vinylpyrrolidone and/or  $C_1$ - $C_{18}$ -alkyl(meth)acrylates,
- D) Allyl ethers of trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol or sucrose with at least two allyl ether units per molecule [most frequently allyl ethers of pentaerythritol with at least two allyl ether units per molecule].

Claims 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17 are readable on the elected species.